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PROTEST AGAINST MORMON MENACE

Question is Taken Up by Gen-
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OTTAWA, June 14.—The menace of the Mormon community to Canada was discussed at the Presbyterian general assembly today, which went on record in favor of an active campaign against it. The matter came up on report of the special committee, which was presented by Rev. J. W. Clarke, of Montreal.

That the Mormons were as a rule, and industrious people was the opinion of Rev. Dr. McLaren, of Vancouver, but their religion pronounced some abominable principles and their morals were a positive danger to Canada. The number of marriages and divorces reported to the Mormons, he said, was a disgraceful record. They had gained great power in the United States, and talked of getting the balance of political power in Alberta, if not all Canada. The Mormons voted together, and a corporate vote was always dangerous and not desired in Canada. Mormonism was more of a menace than Roman Catholicism, because Mormon priests had a greater hold on the people.

"We don't want this sort of thing in Canada," said Dr. McLaren, "and the only remedy is to keep the gospel in every centre where Mormonism is making its stand."

This assembly very cordially endorses the important work that is being carried on by the Home Mission committee in the Mormon districts, and it most heartily to the sympathetic and prayerful interest of the whole church and requests the committee to give special attention to this department of the work during the present year and bring in such recommendations to the next general assembly as they may deem wise.

VANCOUVER CLUB OFFERS ASSISTANCE

Promise Contribution of \$250 For International Yacht Regatta Here on Dominion Day

VANCOUVER, June 14.—At a meeting of the Royal Vancouver Yacht club tonight, it was decided that the club should contribute the sum of \$250 towards the expenses of an international regatta, and that they would leave the final decision as to whether the regatta should be held or not in the hands of the Victoria Yacht club.

For some time the fate of international racing has been in the balance, owing to the action of the American clubs in the Northwest International Yacht racing association in refusing to contribute towards the expenses of a regatta this year. It remained with the Victoria and Vancouver clubs to finance the meet, and many members at tonight's meeting were not inclined to do so. The meet is to be held in Victoria on the first of July, and all the clubs in the association were asked to contribute towards the expenses. Seattle promised to send \$100, but has not done so. Port Townsend and Tacoma notified the Victoria club that they would not contribute, Bellingham and Everett ignored the request, while the Vancouver club immediately sent the \$150 required of them.

Tonight's decision was made after the reading of a letter from Victoria stating that the expenses of the regatta would amount to about \$1,000, and asking for more financial assistance. The decision of the club was incorporated in a resolution which also expressed the sympathy of the club in the project. Discussion then followed on the number of boats that would be sent, and twenty members signified their intention of doing so.

LARGEST STEAMER ENTERS SERVICE

New White Star liner Olympic, Biggest vessel in World's Trade, Starts from Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON, June 14.—The largest, and finest steamer in the world, the White Star liner Olympic left this port at noon today for New York via Cherbourg and Queenstown. The American consul, Colonel J. B. Swaim and the lord mayor of Southampton, the latter accompanied by his staff, bade

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Southern Company Acted on Request of Manufacturers' Association—Not to Cause Rise in Price.

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Arthur Charles Melville Pym, a brother of the deceased, with whom he had lived, deposed that the victim of the catastrophe had been in improved health and cheerful on the day of his death; that he had discussed certain business matters satisfactorily, and Henry Pym had said that he thought he would go out and get a deer after saying which he returned to the house for his rifle. Dr. Harold Frederick Dale Stevens, J.P., surgeon retired, told of having conversed with the deceased on the morning of his untimely death, when he was in very good spirits and had made an appointment for 4:30 in the afternoon, which he (Dr. Stevens) kept, only to find his friend dead.

The only other witness was the constable who took charge of the body and the inquest arrangements, not one of these witnesses saying anything indicative of suicidal intent on the part of the deceased or supporting the opinion that his death had been intentionally self-caused. It is for this reason that the verdict is resented as unwarranted by the evidence and unfair to the dead.

LIGHTNING SPLINTERS

SCHOONER'S TOPMAST

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Capt. Ross says that the vessel encountered a severe storm which soon developed into a tempest while just north of the equator. There were blinding flashes of lightning, during which a bolt of fire struck the foretopmast, splintering it for a distance of five feet. One big splinter, which Capt. Ross describes as five feet long and one by four inches thick, fell to the deck.

"The flash was so close that every man on deck got a severe shock," says Capt. Ross. "One fellow was knocked down, one was slightly burned about the face, another across the legs, but none of them were seriously injured. The silver was out of the topmast high up and did not put it out of commission. The short-legged man, who was a great wonder that some of us were not killed."

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The jury was composed of Mr. Alexander McKenzie, foreman, Charles McKellan, Nelson Odette, Arthur Mitchell, D. McPherson and Charles Lamonte.

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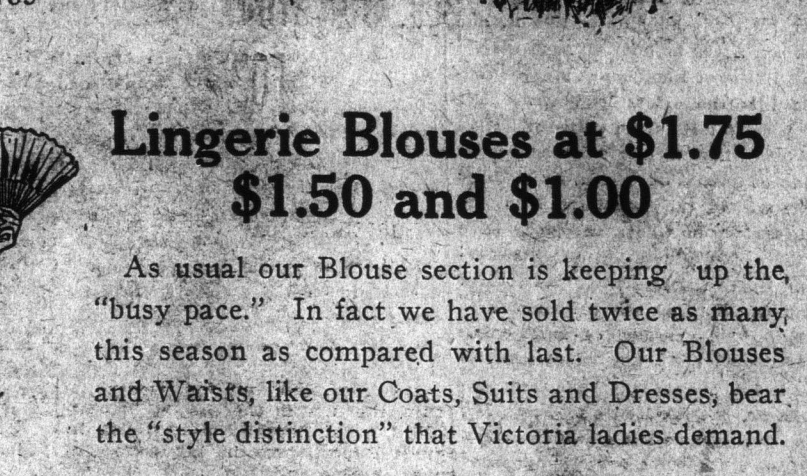


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